

REMARKS

Claim 25 stands objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form. Claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 14, 15, 22-24 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allegro et al. in view of Rahim.

The Examiner has noted that claims 3, 4, 6-9, 11-13, 16 and 18-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 20, one of the afore-described claims, claims dependency from independent claims 1, 10 and 15. Accordingly claims 1, 10 and 15 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 20 and, as a result, are believed to be in condition for allowance. As a result claims 2-9, 11-14 and 16-21, which depend on one of claims 1, 10 or 15, are also believed to be in condition for allowance.


The limitations of claim 20 have also been added to independent claim 22. Accordingly claim 22 as well as claims 23-27 which depend therefrom are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 25 has been amended such that its dependency is now stated in the alternate form and to remove its dependency on another multiply-dependent claim. New claim 27 is identical to claim 25 except that it is dependent on multiply-dependent claim 24.

Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are novel and patentable and therefore request reconsideration.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (415) 393-2404.

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